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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 10, line 34 to page 11, line 11, substitute the following paragraph:

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At a moment  $t_3 - t_2$ , as can be seen from figs. 5a and 5b, the edges are securely fed into the edge channels, or preferably are securely fed into a pulling unit situated at the other extremity of the processing line 13 (~~not shown~~). At that time when the edges are secured in the pulling unit, one could be sure that the edges will then efficiently perform their role of "entrainer", i.e. they will entrain the central part of the web into the winding unit. At that time, the lids of the edge channels are open, releasing the edges. The edge channels are represented on the figs. without the bottom and inner parts thereof for the sake of understanding, representing the "open position" or "releasing position" of the channels. The edges may then "fall" on another film path, situated below the channels, such as the film path of the processing line 13 from which the web will be further handed.

On page 11, lines 17 to 30, substitute the following paragraph:

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At a moment  $t_4 - t_3$ , as can be seen from figs. 6a and 6b, the blades 2a, 2b start moving along line E in the plane of the web towards each other, in the instant case towards the center of the web, thereby cutting the central portion 1c transversely. The blades 2a, 2b are caused to move transversely to the web conveyance direction at a time where the lids of the channels are open, so as to allow the central part to be entrained between the edges. The attached V-shaped central portion 1c is then fed into the winding unit thanks to the protruding edges 1a, 1b, since these have been secured in the winding unit (e.g. through a driving roll 11 acting as pulling device, (~~not shown~~) and can securely entrain the central part of the web into the winding unit.